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GREENING'S GREATEST INTRODUCTION
The WINTER BANANA APPLE



THE WORLD'S GREATEST YELLOW APPLE

HIGHEST HONORABLE MENTION AMERICAN
POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY, FRUIT EXHIBITION
At PHILADELPHIA, 1889

GREENING NURSERY COMPANY

Largest Growers of Trees in the World

MONROE, MICHIGAN

(Estab. 1850 1500 Acres)

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HIS APPLE is known to every fruit grower and nearly all fruit users in America. Among all the many varieties of apples known to modern times there are few equals and no superiors to this wonderful fruit. We knew this when we first tasted this delicious apple. At that time Mr. Charles E. Greening pronounced it the most beautiful and delicious apple that he had ever seen or eaten. These facts do not need to be proven to those who have grown and tested it. Merely to taste it is to be convinced. The Winter Banana Apple has won its way to the front rank of American fruits, and the best authorities are unanimous in their opinion that it is distinctively in a class of its own, and unsurpassed as a market or dessert apple. We want every lover of apples to know about it. We want you to know about it. We have been satisfied with the extraordinary sale of this variety, but we feel that so long as there is one home orchard without it, we should continue to place its wonderful merits before the growers and lovers of fine fruits.

History of the Winter Banana

In the early eighties Mr. David Flory of Adamsborough, Indiana, planted an orchard of fifty apple trees. These he calculated to raise from seed, with the object in view of top-grafting them later on. Among these he discovered one that bore fruit four years after planting. The fruit was different from any that Mr. Flory had ever seen, and immediately attracted his attention. During an exceptionally cold winter, nearly every apple tree in his orchard was winter killed, but this particular tree stood the test with no injury whatever. Mr. Flory named it the Winter Banana, on account of its wonderfully delicious flavor and aroma. The Winter Banana became noted first by these distinctions.

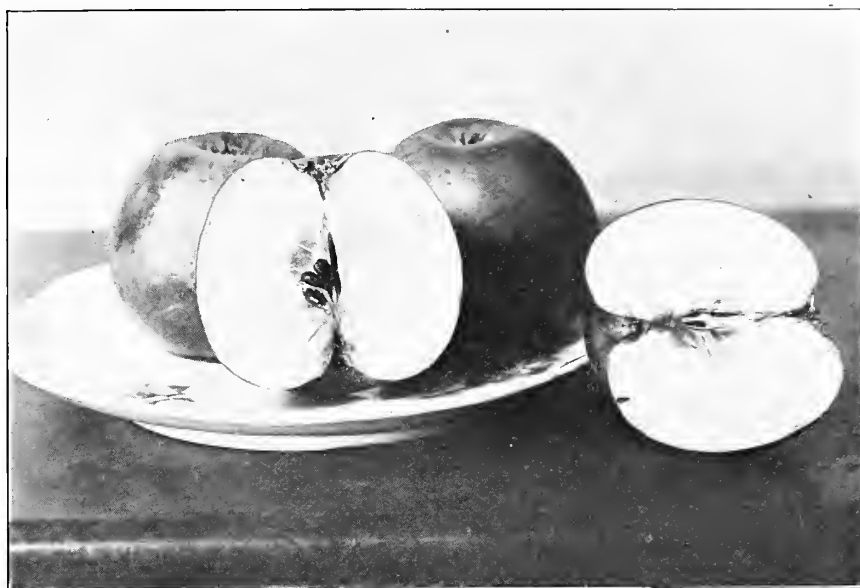
In the Year 1890

The Greening Nursery Company purchased the exclusive right to propagate the Winter Banana. Our prophecy at that time was that it would become a standard market apple. This prophecy has been most liberally fulfilled. Today we have a new and larger vision of its possibilities, which is based on its present popularity. We believe it is destined to be the best known and most widely grown of any apple in the world.

An Apple of Dis- tinctive Flavor

There is no apple like it. Its striking beauty, its great size and marvelously perfect shape attract immediate attention. Its distinctive coloring of golden yellow, shaded by a beautiful bright red, cannot be equalled. But the taste—ah, that's the thing—a delicious, spicy and sub-acid combination distinguish it from any other apple ever grown. To taste it is to be won by it. Many of the best hotels specify this variety for use on the table. They are often seen in restaurant windows as specimens of the baked apples that are served within.

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Picture of Dr. Gerow's Winter Banana Apples, which kept an entire year in an ordinary cellar, told about in the accompanying letter.

Wonderful
Keeping Qualities

GREENING NURSERY COMPANY,
Monroe, Michigan.

Cheboygan, Mich., Aug. 5th, 1919.

Gentlemen: I send by this mail three Winter Banana Apples grown on your trees. I should think it would make you feel chesty to see your trees doing themselves so proudly. As I stated before, these apples were kept in an ordinary cellar belonging to my foreman, in the orchard of George H. Goodwin. I shall try and send another sample on Sept. 1st.

Yours very truly, A. M. GEROW.

Did you ever pick an apple off the tree, pack it away on a shelf in the cellar and then go down a year afterwards, and find it as fresh and rosy and full of flavor and fit for the table? Dr. Gerow did this with the Winter Banana.

It is Advertised by
its Loving Friends

Neither Dr. Gerow or the Greening Nursery Company are the only friends of this wonderful apple. *Read what others say.*

\$25.00 Per Bushel for Winter Banana Apples Presented to President Taft

(From the Denver, Col. Times)

One of the interesting events yesterday was the purchase of a box of fancy Winter Banana Apples by Eric Swanson, General Agent of the Antler's Orchard Development Company, at Colorado Springs, for President Taft. The box contained about sixty apples, displaying a blue ribbon. They were sold for \$52.20, or almost a dollar a piece. They were grown by E. A. Flemming and W. S. Park, in the Antler's-Silt District of Garfield County. These trees were bought from Greening's Big Nurseries, Monroe, Mich.

What They Say of the Winter Banana Apple

MR. C. H. WHITTUM, of Eaton Rapids, Mich., names the "Winter Banana as his best variety."

THE WALDORF, New York City's famous hotel, writes us: "The flavor of the Winter Banana and its quality are superb."

DR. L. H. BAILEY, of Cornell University, writes us: "The quality of the Winter Banana is very excellent, and it has a spicy aroma which I like very much. It certainly is a valuable variety."

D. W. LEE, asks the American Poultry Journal, July, 1919, as follows: "A friend of mine has a nine-year old Winter Banana apple tree. He got four barrels of apples from it this year and sold them for \$16.00 per barrel. Are they good apples? I was going to make my leader Delicious, but when Winter Banana apples bring \$3.00 more per barrel than Delicious, it sets me guessing."

THOS. J. RIGGS, Horticulturist of the Iowa Experiment Station, answers him as follows: "The Banana apple is one of the best you can plant. In fact, it is, in my judgement the most profitable apple in your state. I think that an orchard of Winter Banana and Delicious would be a gold mine."

E. E. WHITNEY, of Hillsdale, Michigan, says in a letter dated October 2d, 1918: "I am sending you two photographs of Banana apple trees. The first tree bore fifteen bushels of first-class fruit in 1916, and I have just picked seventeen and one-half bushels of fruit from it this year. Johathan tree, same age, only produced eight bushels. I planted this orchard for fruit for home use, but two crops have paid investment, care, labor, etc."

What We Think

The Greening Nursery Company grow all leading varieties of apple trees, but there are none in our estimation which will give as complete satisfaction to our customers as the Winter Banana. You owe it to yourself to give it a trial.

Points of Decided Excellence

Strong growing tree, extremely hardy; wood as hard as hickory and not susceptible to being winter killed. Bears very early. Three-year old trees have been known to produce fine, large fruit. Color decidedly distinct. Fruit large and perfect in shape. Flavor individual, not equalled by any other apple. Fruit ripens late and keeps splendidly until April or May. Markets readily and always brings the highest price. Very successful everywhere.

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